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THREE-TIME CONVICTED BURGLAR SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS, MARIJUANA

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Dixon, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of three firearms and illegally possessing marijuana.

Carl O. Thornburgh, 32, of Dixon, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this afternoon to 15 years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 23, 2004, **Thornburgh** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a Smith and Wesson 9 mm pistol, an Interordinance M59/66 rifle and a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun on Feb. 5, 2004, in Pulaski County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Thornburgh** has three 1992 criminal felony convictions for burglary and one 1992 criminal felony conviction for stealing.

Thornburgh also pleaded guilty to being in possession of marijuana on Feb. 5, 2004, in Pulaski County.

Thornburgh was originally charged in an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on May 5, 2004, in Springfield.

This case was investigated by the Pulaski County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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